

REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the examiner's review of the prior art and indication that claims 1-7 and 10-12 are allowable. Applicants also wish to express their appreciation for the examiner's indication that dependent claims 15, 28, 39, 48, and 53 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, to expedite prosecution, the applicants have added claims 15, 28, 39, 48, and 53, respectively, to their independent claims. Specifically:

- Claim 15 was added to independent claim 12,
- Claim 28 was added to independent claim 25,
- Claim 39 was added to independent claim 37,
- Claim 48 was combined with independent claim 37 to produce new claim 63 (with similar dependent claims), and
- Claim 53 was added to independent claim 50.

All claims therefore are allowable over the cited art. In addition, to simplify the issue process, applicants have amended the first paragraph of the specification to describe the priority chain. This amendment does not affect priority or incorporation by reference of any of the noted patent applications or patents.

The application therefore is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Applicants request a one month extension of time and, if necessary, other extensions of time. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4972. Applicants also request that the examiner contact applicant's attorney, Steven Saunders, if it will assist in processing this application through issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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